financial assistance every year. They are prioritised for sanction subject to the availability of funds and feasibility of proposals.

(b)and (c) The State Government through a resolution dated 17.8.96 has constituted a Special Tourism Authority. The State Government is developing a Special Tourism Area towards the south of the Puri town over an area of 3500 Acres (Approximately) extending upto Chilika Lake. The special tourism area is planned to be a premier International tourist destination and will provide all facilities such as hotel accomodation, air strip, golf course, amusement parks, convention centre, handicraft emporia etc. over a compact area to attract tourists in large numbers. The State Government has resolved to constitute the Special Tourism Authority, Puri which will act as an apex body in the State for formulation of general guidelines and principles for overall promotion of tourism in the Special Tourism Area.

Backlog for SC/STs in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for various Post

3523. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reserved posts meant for Scheduled Castes, Schaduled Tribes and other Backward Communities have been filled up during the last 3 years and till date in his Ministry;

(b) whether any backlong of posts reserved for them still remain unfilled; and

(c) if so, by when that backlong is expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) As for as vacancies meant for SCs, STs and OBCs. filled by promotion in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs are concerned, these were filled by the candidates from the respective categories during the last three years and till date as and when vacancies arose. However, when eligible candidates belonging to these categories were not available, those vacanceies were dereserved and reservations carried forward to the subsequent Recruitment Years. Regarding reserved vacancies filled by direct recruitment, there is a ban on de-reserving and the Ministry has no power for de-reserving the vacancies and the unfilled reserved vacancies arc treated as backlong vacancies. As such, there are two backlong vacancies (SC-1 & ST-1) in Group 'B' posts and two backlong vacancies have already been reported to SSC for inclusion in the Special Recruitment Drive, 1996. These vacancies will be filled up on receipt of nominations from Staff Selection Commission.

Revenue Scam in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

3524. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDUL-LAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revenue scam in a land racket has been detected in Varanasi, U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE & MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI. P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir, As per news paper reports certain irregularities in land transactions in Varanasi have been detected by local District Revenue Authorities.

(b) It is alleged that land in six villages namely Ranipur, Patiya, Bajardiha, Kakarmatta, Tulsipur and Newada was acquired by the District Land revenue Authorities and the revenue rights on these lands was entered in the name of U.P. Awas Vikas Parishad. On the above

land, certain cooperative societies have developed residential colonies namely Jankinagar Colony. Ganeshnagar Colony and Ram Nagar Colony etc. Residential flats have been constructed on the aforesaid land by cooperative societies even though the land remains in the revenue records in the name of Awas Vikas Parishad UP.

(c) Necessary enquires trom I-T angle have been initiated and State Government Revenue Authorities who are looking into the irregularities have been contacted for details. Action as per law will be taken on receipt of information

Booking agents of Indian Airlines at Dih-rugarh and Guwahati

3525. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) names of booking agents appointed by Indian Airlines at Dibrugarh and Guwahati with respective dates of appointment;

(b) details of turnover by IA at said stations during the last two years month wise break-up with relevant percentage of increase/decrease;

(c) details of turnover/bookings by booking agents as in (a) agents-wise dur ing said years, month-wise breakup;

(d) details of commission paid by IA to said agents, agents-wise during said years, year-wise;

(e) whether any of said agents have computer reservation terminal, (s) linked to IA; if so, names of such agents; and

(f) details of free-complimentary passes isued by IA to said agents, agent-wise during said years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Diversion of Hospital Medicines to Private Concern in Himachal Pradesh

3526. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item cap tioned "Medical provisions racket busted in Himachal Pradesh" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 22nd June, 1996

(b) whether CBI has unearthed multi-lakh racket in Himachal Pradesh involving false invoices to divert medicines of Government Hospitals to certain private concerns; and

(c) if so, details of enquiries made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) The CBI has informed that a case has been registered in this regard by its Chandigarh Branch on 20.2.19%. The matter is still under enquiry.

संक्रामक रोगों में वृद्धि

3527. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में संक्रामक रोगों में लगातार वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन रोगों के उन्मूलन के लिए क्या आवश्यक कदम उठाए गए हैं;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में कोई कार्य योजना शुरू की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) विकासशील गतिविधियों से पर्यावरणिक परिस्थितियों में क्रमिक परिवर्तन और फरजीवियों में औषध प्रतिरोधी